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NARUC JOINS UTILITY SECTOR LEADERS IN SUSTAINED, AGGRESSIVE NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

San Francisco - July 31, 2006 – Today, NARUC President and Iowa Utilities Board Commissioner Diane Munns joined Jim Rogers, CEO of Duke Energy and Chair of the Edison Electric Institute, to introduce the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency during the NARUC Summer Meeting in San Francisco, California. The Action Plan, developed by a Leadership Group that includes 23 electric and gas utilities, 7 state utility regulators, and more than 30 other organizations, seeks to address the nation's growing demand for energy in U.S. homes, buildings, and industries through efficiency. To date, more than 50 leading organizations from across the country have pledged commitments to help implement the Action Plan. The effort has been coordinated by EPA and DOE.

The Action Plan outlines recommendations for consideration including the importance of:

- Recognizing energy efficiency as a high-priority energy resource;
- Making a strong, long-term commitment to implement cost-effective energy efficiency as a resource;
- Broadly communicating the benefits of and opportunities for energy efficiency;
- Promoting sufficient, timely, and stable program funding to deliver energy efficiency where cost-effective; and
- Modifying policies to align utility incentives with the delivery of cost-effective energy efficiency and modify ratemaking practices to promote energy efficiency investments.

These recommendations build upon best practices from successful efficiency programs already operating in many areas. U.S. consumers could save hundreds of billions of dollars on their utility bills over the next 10 to 15 years through greater use of cost-effective energy efficiency.

NARUC President Diane Munns, at the release of the Action Plan, said: "I am pleased to be part of this multi-sector, national commitment to energy efficiency. State regulators have a pivotal role in removing barriers to sustained energy efficiency. Increased energy efficiency will result in significant economic and environmental benefits at the national, local, and State levels."

The National Action Plan will be discussed by the relevant committees of NARUC and brought before its Board of Directors for consideration at this meeting. The recommendations appear in full in the Action Plan Executive Summary available at www.epa.gov/cleanenergy. For more information, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/eeactionplan.htm>.

NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889. Its members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC's member agencies regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. NARUC represents the interests of State public utility commissions before the three branches of the Federal government and the Independent Federal agencies.

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